

VSP Public Comment

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Subject: Standards for AVVPAT

Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

To Whom it may concern:

The fact that we are addressing reforms for the voting system is good and necessary, but not at the expense of having the to being too "centrally" controlled. There seems to be a lot of suspicion of how the vote may have been manipulated in the last two presidential elections. Using these Diabold machines does not address improving the system at its foundation. It just seems on the surface that it is easier to tally votes, but also easier to manipulate data if the system is compromised due of the difficulty of doing a paper hand count when necessary. It also my opinion that there is a lot of deal making happening with private corporations who have a lot of lobbying power and a great deal to gain or lose based on the outcome of certain candidates.

The improvements I would like to see in the voting process are 1)more access to polling booths in poorer and rural districts 2) more registration drives and focus on the absentee ballot system so that the human resources problems and long lines can be avoided at election time and 3) an implementation of Accessible Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail proposed by the Citizens of California.

I would also support any action to prevent the Diabold Corp. and all of its entities for contracting voting machines and systems in the the state of California

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.